

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-3 and 5-7, without prejudice.

Please amend claim 4 as follows:

1 4. (Amended) A method for preparing a novel immuno-stimulating
2 polysaccharide substance, comprising the steps of
3 culturing *Phellinus linteus* Yoo (KCTC 0399BP) on media containing
4 glucose, yeast extract and peptone to give mycelia or fruiting bodies;
5 extracting the substance from the mycelia or fruiting bodies by hot water;
6 isolating the substance by precipitating in ethanol, suspending in water
7 and dialyzing with a dialysis tube; and
8 purifying the substance by sequentially executing DEAE-cellulose
9 chromatography and gel chromatography.

Please add new claim 8 as follows:

1 --8. (New) A novel polysaccharide comprising glucose units which are
2 joined by α (1 \rightarrow 4) and β (1 \rightarrow 6) linkages, which is produced by the method according
3 to claim 4. --